

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A socket for an electric part, comprising a socket body, a plurality of contact pins disposed on said socket body and each capable of clamping corresponding one of terminals of an electric part placed on a rest face of said socket body between contact portions formed at tip ends of a pair of resilient pieces, and two slide plates mounted for sliding movement in different directions relative to said socket body by an urging motion of said upper operating member, so that said slide plates are slid in the different directions by applying a pressing force for urging said upper operating member downwards to resiliently deform said resilient pieces in spacing directions, thereby opening-out the contact portions of said contact pin, and so that said slide plates are slid back to their original position by releasing the pressing force to said upper operating member, thereby decreasing the resilient deformation of said resilient pieces in approaching directions to displace the contact portions of said contact pin toward each other, thus clamping each of the terminals of the electric part.

2. A socket for an electric part according to claim 1, further including pressing members which are formed between the two slide plates and interposed between said pair of resilient pieces for applying resiliently deforming forces to the corresponding resilient pieces at substantially symmetric locations during opening-out of the contact portions of each of said contact pins.